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January 31, 1918.

Pacific Mild-Cure Co.,  
503 Central Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

It is noted that your reports of fishery operations in Alaska in 1917, contain entries of several hundred launches and power boats, which are listed as being in operation at the following plants:

	<u>No. boats</u>	<u>Value</u>
Port Conclusion-----	1200	180,000.
Taku River-----	24	24,000.
Tyes-----	50	75,000.
Waterfall-----	400	600,000.

In addition to these a large number of row boats and skiffs are listed.

The Bureau assumes that you do not claim the ownership of these several boats, but that you have listed them in order that the value thus represented may be included in the fishery investments in Alaska. This seems to have been a proper procedure for you in that you were purchasing fish from the owners.

As far as possible, the Bureau must guard against the duplication of returns, and for that reason it wishes to know specifically if any of the 1,200 boats indicated on the Port Conclusion report are included in the number listed on the other reports, or vice versa. It desires, also to know if the value of the 1,200 boats referred to is correctly stated as \$180,000. The average for these is \$150, while the 400 shown on the Waterfall report have an average value of \$1,500.

Confirmation of the entries made both as to the number of boats and their value is desired. Please give this matter early attention.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Moore.

Acting Commissioner.